

ELEGANT STANB.

BY MRS. L. H. STANT.
Died, in Towanda, Pa. April 24th. Helen M. wife of Mahlon C. Mer-
cer, and youngest daughter of Col. Joseph Kingsbury, aged 21 years
and 8 months.
It is the joyous spring-time. There is brightness
In every cloud, floats along the sky.
The fields have yielded up their robes of whiteness,
For the green vesture which glads the eye.
Mid the low, budding shrubs fair birds are singing
A thrilling music to the brightening hours;
Soft strains of music every breeze is bringing
And clouds of fragrance from the forest bowers.
Little thou heed'st it, stricken bride and mother,
'Tis wrapt in thy shroud—earth's winter now is here.
Bright springs thou'lt see—then—thou'lt behold another
Till Heaven's unnumber'd host ceased its beating
Thy warm, unsullied heart shall hear no more.
Thy lips' sweet music shall answer Love's fond greeting,
No place of thine shall answer Earth's fond greeting,
Gentlest and best—thy race on Earth's shore.

Gone from us hast thou, in thy young existence,
Beloved and loving, from the world's resistance
Gone are thy years, which Time's hand doth fall;
Of care which ever from Time's hand doth fall;
While the morning of thy hopes was brightest,
While blessings o'er thy every path were shed;
Gone while thy step amid earth's flowers was lightest,
To sleep the dreamless slumber of the dead.
Helen! I believed! thou couldst not dream, while living,
What anguish thy untimely fate must bring
Some doings—heart's—thou'lt see—then—thou'lt behold another
The unvarying blackness of the raven's wing.
O'er thee have fallen drops of sad sorrow,
As fall but once upon the soul's sorrow,
Such as can scarce one ray of comfort borrow
From the rich treasures of a heavenly trust.

Yet why beside thee ashes fondly linger
This vain, vain grief! We feel—thou art not there,
When Reason speaks—Death's cold, effacing fingers
Keeps not the gem that made thy form so fair;
I have a brighter, holier, formed by God's own hand,
Boundless, formed by God's own hand,
Where day and night, the cherub choir is swelling
A "welcome home" to many a pilgrim band.

Sweet angel, thou art with the ransom'd daughters
Of our dear Lord, rejoicing in his sight;
Quenching thy soul's deep thirst with Life's clear waters,
Crowned with the wreath whose flowers are bathed in light.
Happier, oh! happier far, than when in beauty
Thou stood'st 'mid the lowly ones' manly form beside,
Whispering to him the love of life and duty;
For now thou art the blessed SAVIOR'S BRIDE.

And dost thou, in thy far-off home of glory,
Still think of those who were on earth so dear?
Lingers in memory Life's short, fitful story,
Mid the high joys of that eternal sphere?
Yes! Love is quenchless, deathless, ne'er forgetting;
Heaven is home, for God himself is love;
A sun which riseth, but hath ne'er a setting;
A thought which through all space and time doth move.

Fixed, and yet omnipresent, like His spirit,
His life and source, 'unseen, yet seeing all,
All bias, all knowledge, doth it there inherit,
And all the Past its wondrous powers recall.
Oh, ye sad mourners, bowed and broken-hearted,
Lift up your heads! your redemption draweth nigh!
Scarcely hath your feet from your side departed,
Earth's mist but veils her form from mortal eye.

Still in your midst, at times, her spirit moveth
To your dark souls, to voice still whisper peace,
When calm and quiet to God's dealing proveth
"Time the chastenings of His hand should cease."
Then will she whisper lessons sweet and holy,
To wean you from the cares of life away,
And lead you up, with souls subdued and lowly,
The path which endeth in unclouded day.

A SUBSTITUTE.—An Irish officer in the 40th, rang his bell
so often, that no servant the landlady could hire would stop
in the house, or could stand the running up stairs.
The officer consequently received notice to quit, which he
being unwilling to do, and finding the cause of warning, he
promised not to ring the bell again. Upon this understanding
he retired to his apartment. In about half an hour the whole
house was alarmed by the report of a brace of pistols in the
Captain's room. Up rushed the landlady, the lodgers and
the servants, and burst open the door, in the full expectation
of some dreadful catastrophe. "Coffee!" coolly cried the
Captain. On their expressing surprise, the lodger cried,
"Why as you do not like me to ring the bell, of course I must
find some substitute."

INFINITIY OF MAN TOWARDS MAN.—Have you quite
broken with a friend, then give him, not only out of the love
of humanity, but also out of a holy respect for the corpse
of friendship—no sign, no emblem, and, if possible, not
a moment more of your presence, because the signs of former
warmth as the emblems of present coldness renew again
unprofitably and severely the pain of the rupture. Man
bears much better the cold presence of a lover now inimical,
than that of a friend now hostile: for a lover can be supplied
by another, but no friend by another.

THE NIGHTINGALE AND THE HAWK.—A hawk pounced
upon a nightingale singing in the hedge, crying, "Since you
have such a sweet voice, how delicious you must be to eat."
"Was this ignorance or irony in the hawk?" I don't know,
but I heard some one say yesterday, "That young lady,
who sings so delightfully, would make an excellent wife."

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